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PATENT APPLICATION,

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: M. Eashoo
YASUSHI KOIKE)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1732
Application No.: 10/055,973)	
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Filed: January 28, 2002)	
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For: RECYCLED ABS RESIN,)	
RECYCLED ABS ALLOY RESIN	:	
AND PRODUCTION PROCESS)	
OF ABS ALLOY RESIN	:	April 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

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| Group I: | Claims 1-13, drawn to an ABS resin, classified in class 521, subclass 41; and |
| Group II: | Claims 14-25, ¹ drawn to a process for producing a recycled ABS alloy resin, classified in class 264, subclass 141. |

¹/While the specific listing of the claims that are in Group II has been omitted from the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner confirmed in a subsequent telephonic interview that Group II includes claims 14-25.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 14-25, with traverse.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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